

Chester City Council Meeting

March 13, 2017

Minutes

PRESENT: Mayor Caldwell; Council Members Linda Tinker, Susan Kovas, Carlos Williams, Annie Reid, Betty Bagley and Councilwoman Douglas; Human Resources Director Carla Roof and City Attorney Megan Gaston.

ABSENT: Council Members Ike McBrayer and William Killian; City Attorney Sandi Worthy.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Caldwell called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

PRAYER: Mayor Caldwell led in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor and Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS FORUM– Raymond Douglas thanked Council for the last 25 years and the wonderful Retirement Celebration. Thank you for allowing me to serve this Community.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Strategic Planning Session – Councilwoman Tinker suggested that we re-schedule the Strategic Planning Session to a later date. After discussion, Council will move forward with the Strategic Planning Session on March 25, 2017, 8:30 – 12 noon.

NEW BUSINESS:

Autism Speaks – Karen Hill presented to Council there will be a Autism Awareness Celebration on Saturday, April 1st 7-9 pm. Ms. Hill indicated a business has volunteered to provide Bouncy House and has been told that she needs liability insurance in the amount of \$400.00. Councilwoman Kovas has indicated that she needs to apply for the Hospitality Tax Application. Councilwoman Douglas stated that she adores this project. City Hall will be lit in Blue the entire month of April. Council indicated they would like to donate personally.

Audit Review – Becca Brendle – Deferred to next meeting,

Palmetto Affordable Housing 2017 Forum – Councilwoman Douglas informed Council of the upcoming Affordable Housing Forum. She and Councilman Williams will be attending this forum.

Councilwoman Reid discussed Council consider compensating employees for extra duties. Councilwoman Reid will get with Mrs. Roof to get current salaries and bring back to Council for recommendations.

Executive Session - Councilwoman Reid made a motion to go into Executive Session for Contractual Matter – Police Department, Mutual Aid and Personnel Matters Administrative Department. Councilwoman Tinker seconded the motion. Mayor Caldwell opposed the motion. Council convened in Executive Session at 7 pm.

Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley made motion to reconvene from Executive Session at 9:05 pm. Councilmember McBrayer seconded the motion. While in Executive Session, Council discussed a Contractual Matter – Police Department, Mutual Aid and Personnel Matters Administrative Department. No action was taken.

Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Kovas seconded motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Roof m